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PATENT

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Title:	INTERVERTEBRAL IMPLANT WITH REDUCED CONTACT AREA AND METHOD		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed April 22, 2002, please amend the above-referenced application for patent as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 and add new claims 36-52 to read as set forth below:

1. (Amended) An implant for intervertebral fusion between opposing vertebrae, said implant comprising:
- an implant body having a first end and a second end spaced along a longitudinal axis of the body, said first end having a first diameter and said second end having a second diameter wherein the second diameter is larger than the first diameter; and